



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2008 INDEPENDENCE ARCHERY ONLY TULE
ELK HUNT**
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General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Independence Archery Only Tule Elk Hunt. This letter contains information regarding your hunt.

Regulations: Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). All successful tule elk hunters are required to have their tags validated. To have your elk tag validated Monday through Friday, please contact the Department's Bishop office at (760) 872-1171 or any person listed in Section 708 of the current California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. **Please remember that all hunters must return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless of whether an elk was taken.** Elk may be taken within the Independence zone using archery equipment only, as specified in Section 354 during this hunt period. Please be aware that there were hunt boundary changes in this zone last year. Please refer to the hunt boundary description for the legal boundaries.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. The weather and the steep, rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful.

If you need information as you plan for your hunt, please contact the Bishop area biologist at (760) 872-1171, or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95811, (916) 445-9992.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at the website listed above for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number. Please note that these results may not be available until December of the following year.

Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!